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8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Meeting Times

City Council

3rd Tuesday of the month

6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

2nd Monday of the Month

6:30 p.m.

Calendar of Events:

Farmers market

Every Thursday 5-8 p.m.

Next to City Hall

Larue and Hansel Ave.

Message from the Mayor

On behalf of the City Council and City Staff, I would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

I have been working with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Orange County to have the intersection of Gatlin/Holden and Orange Avenue upgraded to improve the flow of traffic. We just received word that funding has been approved to have final studies and plans submitted by the second quarter of next year. They feel that with minor changes and redesigning of the traffic signals that these improvements will significantly reduce the wait time during peak traffic hours.

The City has received approval from FDOT to improve the large median strip between Orange and Hansel Avenue. The irrigation system has already been upgraded, and work to prepare for the landscaping including a second live oak tree will begin soon. If you have a green thumb (or not) and would like to volunteer to help plant, or make a donation to help purchase landscape material, please contact City Hall for more information.

The **Farmers Market/Food Truck Thursday evening event** has survived the hot summer days. Now with the cooler weather, I encourage you to attend and support the small business owners that come each week. This event has proven to be a great community event where neighbors and friends gather, not only to shop but to visit with each other and make new friends within the city.

Please make sure you mark your calendar with the special events that will take place in the city during December as noted in the newsletter.

I am very proud to represent the City of Edgewood here in Central Florida and continue to hear what a great community we live in. It's time to "Discover Edgewood".

Mayor Bagshaw

Upcoming City of Edgewood Events:

Farmer's Market/Food Truck Events

Every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., except holidays

December 6th, Thursday: Edgewood Farmer's Market / Food Trucks event.

December 13th, Thursday: Edgewood Farmer's Market / Food Trucks event.

**** 7th Annual ** Toys for Tots Event ****

December 15th, Thursday: We invite you to come to City Hall at our **** 7th Annual ** Toys for Tots Event**** from 11 am to 2 pm. We ask that you bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. The U.S. Marines will be on-site to collect the toys.

There will be fun for kids of all ages. They will be able to ride horses, jump in the bounce house and have their face painted. Orange County Fire Rescue and Edgewood Police vehicles will be on display for everyone to check out. Music will be provided by a live DJ, and there will be free hot dogs and hamburgers for all.

If you would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy prior to then, you may drop it off to either City Hall or the Police Department.

Please note this is only a collection site.

December 20th, Thursday: Santa stops by the Farmer's Market/Food Truck Event.

We hope you will join us for the following:

- Have your children's picture taken with Santa by the Fire Truck
- Free Wellness Checks available provided courtesy of The Orange County Fire and Rescue Staff
- Our vendors and food trucks will also be available

December 27th, Thursday: Edgewood Farmer's Market / Food Trucks.

***** BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE "CITY OF EDGEWOOD - SPECIAL EVENTS" FACEBOOK PAGE*****

For additional information on who will be attending our Farmer's Market each week, please follow MAYOR BAGSHAW on TWITTER!! You can find him @MAYOR BAGSHAW

CITY HALL Schedule

City Hall will be closed the following dates:

- December 24th (Monday), Christmas Eve
- December 25th (Tuesday), Christmas Day
- January 1st (Tuesday), New Years Day

City Hall Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We wish everyone a safe and Happy Holidays!

A Word from the Chief

By: Pete Marcus - Chief of Police

By the time you read this, with a little bit of luck, the long, hot summer will be over and we will all be breathing a sigh of relief about the arrival of the cooler weather. As you enjoy the cooler weather, please don't forget to close your garage door and lock the doors to your house. Thieves will take advantage of the opportunities afforded to them when they drive around the neighborhoods and see open doors. If you see any suspicious cars or people, please contact The City of Edgewood Police Department. We can be reached at: 407-851-2820 (non emergency) or the Officer Cell phone at: 407-467-2435. We can send out an officer to check it out and see who is wandering around our neighborhoods.

While we are on the topic of people roaming around the neighborhoods, in the event that you are not aware of it, the City of Edgewood does have an ordinance pertaining to solicitors. All door to door solicitors are required to register with the City and get a solicitor's ID card. According to the City Code (Section 34-102) the following is prohibited by solicitors (this is an abridged version; the entire code is available on-line at www.municode.com or you may obtain a copy of what our code states at City Hall or the Police Department). It is unlawful for the solicitor to:

- Enter the premises or a private residence when a "No Solicitors" sign is posted
- Remain on a residential premises after the owner-occupant requests the solicitor to depart
- Solicit between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- Approach back or rear doors of residences
- Intentionally make any physical contact with or touch the person solicited without that person's consent
- Block the passage of the person being solicited
- Intentionally approach in such a manner or use obscene or abusive language or gestures intended to or likely to cause a reasonable person to be intimidated into responding affirmatively to the solicitation

If you have any problems or questions about any solicitors in your neighborhood, please do not hesitate to contact the police department.

As a reminder, our 7th annual Toys for Tots campaign will be held December 15th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Municipal Complex located on Larue Avenue.

Thank you and stay safe!

Pete Marcus
Chief of Police

City Of Edgewood, Florida Notice Of General Election

By Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Edgewood, Florida will hold a general election on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 for the purpose of electing Mayor and two (2) council members for two-year terms. These are at-large seats. When more than one office is being voted on such as that of council seats, those candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected. Accordingly the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes for city council member shall be elected to serve. Candidates may qualify during the period beginning January 12, 2013 and ending January 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m, at the Office of the City Clerk, 405 Larue Avenue, Edgewood, Florida.

The terms ending in 2013 are the seats held by Mayor Ray Bagshaw, Council Members Neil Powell, DDS and John Dowless. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at City Hall (407-851-2920) or bmeeks@Edgewood-fl.gov. **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

Congratulations to Sgt. Vince Jackson

On his 25 year anniversary with the City of Edgewood Police Department

By: Cinnamon Wild, Administrative Assistant



As of June 1987, Sgt Vince Jackson completed his training at the Police Academy and started working with the Edgewood Police Department as a reserve officer. As of November 6, 1987 he gained full-time employment as a police officer with our City.

Sgt Jackson has been a great asset to the City of Edgewood and we are thankful for his 25 years of service to the City of Edgewood. On November 20th at our council meeting, he was recognized with a plaque for his years of dedicated service to our City. If you happen to see Sgt. Jackson, congratulate him on his successful tenure with the City of Edgewood Police Department.

Trivia Question:

Who are the five (5) police chiefs that Sgt. Jackson has served under in the past 25 years?

The first person to provide an answer will receive a free dinner at our Thursday Nite Farmer's Market from one of the food trucks.

Household Hazardous Waste

Article provided by: City Engineer, Florida Engineering Group

Not every household item can be "flushed" or "tossed".

Wait a Moment before Disposing of "Trash"

Help protect the environment and our health. Do not dispose of dangerous household chemicals in your garbage. Pour them down storm drains, pour them into sinks, or bury them. These chemicals pose a threat to Florida's drinking water.

What is Hazardous?

Product labels can tip you off to a potential hazard. Look for any of these words: Pesticide, Warning, Caustic, Poison, Acid, Danger or Flammable.

Household hazardous waste includes:

1. Paint and paint thinners
2. Batteries (except alkaline/non-rechargeables)
3. Used motor oil
4. Antifreeze and brake fluid
5. Household cleaning fluids
6. Pool chemicals
7. Pesticides
8. Propane tanks

Before You Go

Before you bring your household hazardous waste to a community collection event or a facility:

1. Use up any material that is still usable.
2. Label the material. If you do not know what the material is, label it "unknown." Do not mix different or unknown materials together.
3. Pack leaking containers in a larger container with absorbent material, such as kitty litter, to soak up leaks. Use boxes with dividers for easy packaging and transport.

Do not bring gas cylinders (other than propane tanks, see below for details), biologically active materials, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, or tires. For these materials, please contact the Orange County Environmental staff at 407-836-6601.

Proper Disposal

Bring your household hazardous waste to one of two Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Facilities (attendants are present at both facilities to help with unloading):

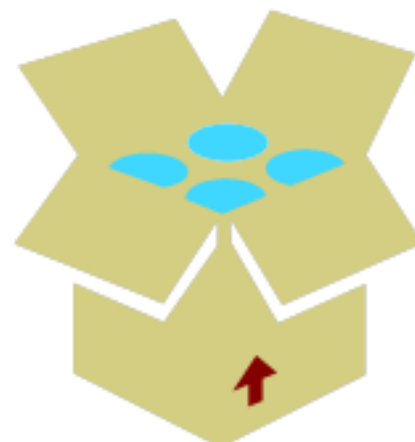
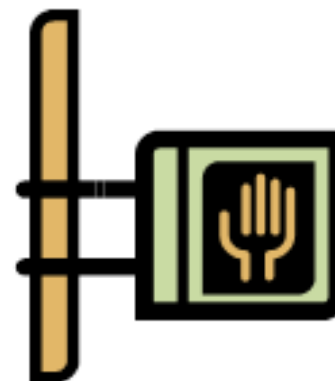
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5000 L.B. McLeod Road, Orlando

Open Wednesday & Saturday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Propane tanks up to 20 lbs. are accepted



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Orange County Landfill

5901 Young Pine Road, Orlando

Open Monday through Sunday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Propane tanks up to 100 lbs. are accepted

For More Information

Visit the Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Web Page

<http://www.ocfl.net/WaterGarbageRecycling/HouseholdHazardousWaste.aspx>



Here's one of our Farmer's Market vendors... Chef's Edge Knife Sharpening



KNIFE SHARPENING



Chef's Edge Knife Sharpening will expertly sharpen your kitchen knives, scissors and garden tools. I can sharpen serrated knives, and can repair broken tips, and chipped edges. I offer reasonable prices and service while you wait. Bring your dull knives to me and make them better than new!

I will be at the Edgewood Farmers Market every Thursday evening, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. See you there!!

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In The Garden, Friendly Means More Than Being Genial

By Stephen and Kristin Pategas, Hortus Oasis, Inc.

In 2009 the Florida Legislature enacted Florida State Statute 373.185 which states a deed restriction, covenant or local government ordinance "may not prohibit or be enforced so as to prohibit any property owner from implementing Florida-friendly landscaping on his or her land". While Florida-Friendly Landscaping is not required by law, why would the legislature get involved in our gardens and landscapes and ensure Florida-friendly can't be banned? Well, it makes sense for the environment, our resources and as it so happens, our pocketbooks.

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The Florida-Friendly Landscaping program was developed by the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services and The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and works in cooperation with the state's five water management districts. The goal is to encourage quality landscapes that are designed, installed and maintained according to the principles that seek to reduce the environmental impact from landscaping. These principles can be applied to any landscape no matter the size, location, conditions or desired aesthetics. Here, we have distilled the nine principles into four topics and include the practical knowledge we have learned from years of gardening in Florida.

THE DESIGN

While making an attractive landscape is paramount, it can also be done in a way that conserves resources. Create a master plan that shows the layout for hardscape areas such as driveways, walkways and patios and then include the plantings. Group plants with similar cultural needs (including water-use) based on aesthetics, the existing site conditions and plant requirements. Minimize lawn areas and design separate irrigation zones and programs to water lawn and other high water-use plant groupings separately from lower water-use areas. Lower soil levels to create shallow depressions to hold stormwater on the property. There it can soak in to water plants, recharge our aquifer for drinking water and not run into lakes after picking up pollution (petroleum products, fertilizer and organics) from pavement. If your soils are not well-draining then select plants accordingly.



CHOOSE THE PLANTS

Right plant, right place means select the plant based upon how it will perform considering its growth habit and mature size and its soil, moisture, light and temperature requirements. Native and non-native (also called exotic) plants qualify. However invasive plants do not. Note we are in growing Zone 9b.

SWEAT THE DETAILS

- Mulch landscape areas with organic renewable mulches such as pine needles, pine bark or fallen leaves to a depth of two-to three-inches. Cypress mulch is not a renewable resource and stone mulch typically fills with soil and ultimately sprouts weeds.

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- Provide food, water and shelter to attract wildlife including butterflies, birds, bats and bees to control insect pests and aid pollination.
- Recycle yard waste by leaving healthy plant clippings in the landscape and compost the excess.
- Use rain barrels at downspouts to catch rain water to reuse.
- When planting, space plants appropriately and install plants with the tops of the rootballs about one-inch above grade.



DO NO HARM

- Avoid the use of dyed mulches, rubber products and the use of harsh chemicals on plants.
- Minimize the use of fertilizers and keep organic mulch levels up so mulch decomposition feeds the plants.
- Do not overwater. Besides wasting water it leaches nutrients out of plants' root zones and lush growth on plants attracts more pests.

Landscape designs that incorporate Florida-friendly principals and common-sense gardening strategies are a win-win for homeowners and our environment. That sounds like an amicable resolution to support.

Hortus Oasis, Inc. (FL26000315) in Winter Park, FL is a boutique garden design company specializing in residential, commercial and specialty gardens. Stephen is a registered Landscape Architect and Kristin is a certified Landscape Designer. 407.622.4886/www.hortusoasis.com, www.houzz.com/pro/hortusoasis/_public

Reference:

Florida-friendly: <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/> and

<http://www.floridayards.org/>

Orange County Extension Education Center: 407-254-9200 or

<http://orange.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Florida Exotic Plant Pest Council: <http://www.fleppc.org/>

Edgewood Welcomes New Businesses

By: Cinnamon Wild, Administrative Assistant

We would like to welcome the following new businesses, and encourage our resident's to support both our new and current Edgewood businesses.

- Edgewood Florist, 4927 S. Orange Ave
- Acorn and Oak Energy Healing, home occupation
- Florida Corvettes, 5644 Commerce Dr
- Advanced Medical Innovations, 5635 Commerce Dr
- Nation Landscape, LLC, home occupation

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- A bloom in time, 4822 S. Orange Ave
- Eclectic Kitchen, 5509 Commerce Dr
- Campos Handyman, home occupation

If you are considering opening a new business within the City of Edgewood, please contact City Hall prior to leasing space and to find out additional information on permits required to operate your business within the City of Edgewood.

Permitting through the City of Edgewood

By: Cinnamon Wild, Administrative Assistant

Zoning Approvals with City Hall Staff approval

Currently, if you require a permit that requires Zoning Approval by City Hall staff only, our office does not charge any permitting fees. However, that could change in the future. If you plan on doing any improvements to your home, please note the following permits require City of Edgewood zoning approval:

- Plumbing Permit
- Gas Permit
- Mechanical Permit (for air-conditioning)
- Residential Fence Permit (if not located on the water then City Hall staff will review)
- Miscellaneous Improvements (door or window replacement size for size, garage door replacement, etc...)
- Electrical Permit
- Re-roof Permit

Zoning Approvals with City Engineer approval

If your permit application requires review by our Engineer, a \$50.00 permit fee will be collected to help cover the costs for our Engineer's time to review. The following are the permits that require our Engineer to review:

- Pool Permit
- Additions to your home
- Driveway Permit
- Boat Docks Permit (if a variance is required that will require Planning & Zoning Approval)
- Screen Enclosure Permit
- Shed Permit
- New Home Construction

Signage Permits

Signage Permit applications are available on our website under the forms library. Our office will collect a \$100.00 review fee for our Planner's time reviewing the permit application.

Please note once Zoning approval is obtained, it is your responsibility to submit your permit to Orange County Building to complete the permitting process. The County will inspect the job before a permit is issued.

Garage Sale Permits

We ask any resident asking to have a garage sale to complete the city garage sale application. See our website under Forms Library. There is no fee required to apply for this permit. We ask that you do not place any signs for your garage sale within the right-of-way or they will be picked-up by our Code Enforcement Officer.

Tree Removal Permits

If you have a tree that you would like removed, please contact City Hall to coordinate a tree removal permit. This application is available on our website. There is a \$25.00 permit fee associated with this permit.

Special Events

If your business is planning a special event or if your restaurant will be hosting a special event such as a cook-off, car show, etc. that will generate additional traffic, you will be required to submit a Special Events Permit to the City. The permit is a 60-day process. Please submit the permit well in advance of your scheduled event to allow adequate time for review and approval by both City Hall and Police Department staff.

For permit applications, please see our website to download the forms. We have a inter-local agreement with Orange County when it comes to permitting. Most permits will require you to submit to both the City and County. The County will schedule an inspection with you, be sure to be at the inspection or you will be required to reschedule with Orange County.

As a reminder, please check with City Hall before making ANY improvements to your home or office for a list of all permits that might be required. Also if you are using a contractor, please ensure that they are licensed and bonded. This protects you as the property owner. If you are unsure if they are licensed and bonded, please contact City Hall for assistance. We can be reached at 407-851-2920.

Reminder ... Business Tax Receipts

Reminder...now is the time to renew your business or home occupation tax receipt. Should you have any questions, please contact City Hall staff at 407-851-2920. To avoid paying any additional late fees, we ask that you renew prior to January 1st, 2013.

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Please note the following are our newsletter ad prices:

Color Ad's

\$400.00 one time full page
\$200.00 one time half page
\$50.00 one time business card

Please note these prices are subject to change based on printing charges. *Please contact Cinnamon Wild, Administrative Assistant if you're interested in advertising in our newsletter. She may be contacted by calling City Hall 407-851-2920 or cwild@edgewood-fl.gov*

Sign up for our newsletter to be e-mailed to your inbox

In an effort to save the city on printing and postage costs, please sign up to receive your newsletter via email. You may do so either online or by filling out a form available at the front counter at City Hall. Doing so helps save tax dollars!

The form is online at www.edgewood-fl.gov/mailling list (link located on left side of computer). When you click on link for mailing list, you will see JOIN OUR MAILING LIST. Please complete the two fields NAME and E-MAIL ADDRESS. You will also be required to check the box for newsletters and/or agendas and click the "SUBMIT." An email validation link will be emailed to you to confirm subscription.

Depending on your email spam filter, you may need to add webmaster@edgewoodfl.govoffice2.com. Please note that this address is not for sending communications to City Hall.

If you need assistance with completing the form, feel free to stop by City Hall and we would be more than happy to assist you with this request. City Hall offices are open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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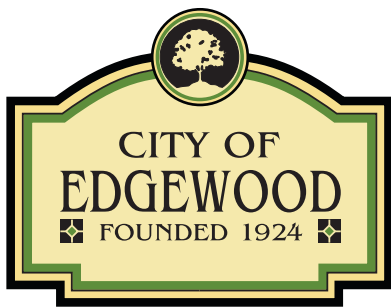



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